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To: All Field Officials  
Attn: Realty Specialists, Project Managers,  
Geologists, Mineral Specialists,  
Environmental Coordinators, and Recreation  
Planners

From: Group Manager, Recreation

Subject: Request for Additional Nominations - Visual Resource  
Management (VRM) Course, 8400-05 DD: 5/15/98

The National Training Center (NTC) is now accepting additional nominations for the Visual Resource Management Course, 8400-05. The NTC must receive all nominations by the due date so that their staff can finalize plans for this course.

Target Group and Content: Please direct this information to the above named members of your staff and others who may have the need to manage visual resources.

The course is divided into two segments: The first segment is four hours long and will be an overview addressing primarily BLM managers, BLM employees, and industry representatives who work in the world of planning, environmental analysis, and surface-disturbing activities, but are not responsible to perform the technical application of the VRM system.

The second segment, which is the majority of the course, targets BLM staff specialists who are responsible to perform the technical application of the VRM system. The emphasis is on using the principles of project planning, design, and mitigation to help reduce the visual impacts of surface-disturbing activities on public lands. The training will consist of a combination of classroom and field training and will include actual problem solving.

Additional information about the course objectives and description can be found at NTC's homepage at **[ntc.blm.gov](http://ntc.blm.gov)**.

Location: The course will be offered at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, at the First Choice Inn from 1 pm on September 14 through noon on September 18, 1998. The overall VRM training strategy for the next several years is to annually offer this

course in other regional venues throughout the West.

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Nomination: Nominations for this course should be made to NTC by the due date. Please contact Ann Hill or Elvin Clapp via GroupWise or Fax at (602) 906-5619 and provide the following information: Student name, course number, supervisor's name, office name and code, and job title. A registration form can be found on the NTC home page at **[ntc.blm.gov/courses/ courses](http://ntc.blm.gov/courses/courses)**. Questions about the nomination process and enrollment status should be directed to Elvin Clapp or Ann Hill at the NTC, (602) 906-5506 and 5590, respectively.

Additional Information: If you have staff members who have an interest in this course but would like more information about its content, please contact Rich Hagan, National Coordinator, Visual Resource Management, at (303) 236-9508. Thanks for your commitment to quality training to support our visual resources.

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